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David Somers, Project Coordinator Environmental Review Section Department of City Planning 200 N. Spring Street, Room 750 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Somers:

In January 2007 I submitted a letter to you detailing some of my questions and concerns regarding the previous proposal for developing the Studio City Golf and Tennis Property. Now there is a new proposal to develop this unique and significant site. My key concerns remain, so I am resubmitting the list of issues from my previous letter that I would like to see addressed in the new project EIR.

I am very familiar with this property. I currently represent the area in the State Assembly, and did so on the Los Angeles City Council from 1996-2001 for that district. I hope I can provide a useful perspective on the importance of this location to the surrounding community and the Valley as a whole.

At just over 16 acres, this beautiful tree-lined open area represents one of the only remaining green spaces in Studio City. Residents from around the Valley enjoy strolling through this property and viewing its wildlife. The tall tree line is visible from Ventura Boulevard, the hillside, and nearby residential neighborhoods. What's more, this property is the largest open area remaining alongside the Los Angeles River. This makes it an ideal location to continue the City's ongoing efforts to preserve and beautify the river via the Master Plan. In short this area is a community jewel, and every effort should be made to preserve its current environmental and recreational benefits when evaluating any development proposals for the site.

Specifically, if after careful consideration of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) a development proposal ultimately moves forward, an area along the river should be devoted to public use. Additionally, I request that the EIR for this project examine the following issues:

- Whether this proposal is consistent with the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and its guiding principles of creating "mixed-use areas integrating parks, housing, retail, jobs, schools and other public institutions, and more."
- Possible impacts on river and ocean water quality as a result of increased runoff into the river resulting from a loss of permeable land.

Our challenge is to address the preservation of our community's natural resources and character while addressing our burgeoning housing needs. My office stands ready to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember Mike Feuer

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